

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
725 6<sup>th</sup> STREET N.E.  
FOSSTON, MN 56542



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The central theme of today's readings is the overflowing mercy and kindness of a loving, healing and forgiving God for His children. Today's Gospel explains how Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of his Heavenly Father by healing the blind Bartimaeus. Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, granting us proper spiritual vision. Let us pray for spiritual sight. Like Bartimaeus, we must seek Jesus with trusting faith in his goodness and mercy.



Our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Crookston Diocese. Let us welcome him & pray for his mission in our diocese.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Please pray for Fr. John as he celebrates his birthday on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 24, 2021**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

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Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn  
Trustees: Dennis Sandon and Paulette Kringlen  
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895  
24-hour confidential number

**Confession 8 AM before Sunday Mass**

**St. Mary's Mass with Intentions:**

Wednesday: Adoration Noon - 8 PM

Wed., Oct. 27 11:30 AM Mass  
David Bruce Kollitz+

Fri., Oct. 29 8:30 AM Mass  
Jodi Nelson+

Sun., Oct. 31 8:30 AM Mass  
For the Parish+

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions:**

Tuesdays Adoration Noon - 5 pm

Tues., Oct. 26 5 PM Mass  
Jim Vorderbruggen+

Wed., Oct. 27 5:45 PM Mass  
Mergie Galli+

Thurs., Oct. 28 11:30 AM Mass  
Frank & Mimmie Shareck+

Sun., Oct. 31 10:30 AM Mass  
Lillian Haider+

**Blessing of St. Mary's cemetery after Mass**

**Happy & Blessed Birthday to:**  
Oct. 25 **Father John**  
Oct. 27 **Luzan Dufault**  
**Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed**

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:**

Carol Aaland 435-6384 (H), 218-686-2710 (C).  
Please notify parish office of names to add or subtract  
and of those who could use a prayer shawl.

**Prayer List Policy:** Names from outside our Parish  
will be removed from the list after one month.  
Additional months may be requested as needed or  
desired.

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

Nash Rosendahl, Kristi Maruska, Richard Perant,  
Bruce Donnell, Mark Randall, Brady Jones, Carly  
Hemmingen, Clara Mamecke, Derine Schmitz,  
Lisa Handynde , Linda Klinkhammer, Rita Post  
(w/13) Gabe Schuuriller (w/25), Dorothy Killian(w/03)  
"Touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

**Blessed Prayer Shawls** are available. Take one  
from the table in the hall for someone in need or  
contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note with your  
donation whether intention is for a deceased or  
living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**The readings for next Sunday, Oct 31, 2021**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Psalm 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47, 51,  
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28b-34

**Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and  
Men** is offered from the Diocese of Crookston. The  
confidential phone line is 218-470-0112.

Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at  
<https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>.

A beautiful song for the Year of St. Joseph  
by Donna Lee-Song of Saint Joseph  
(Official Music Video)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGJa8iJN6Kw>

**Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal:** If you or  
someone you know has been the victim of sexual  
misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or  
individual representing the Diocese of Crookston,  
its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be  
to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan  
Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-  
281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

The Office of Formation is looking to put together  
a youth advisory cohort that will help shape  
ministry in the Diocese of Crookston. If you know  
someone who would be excellent at taking  
leadership and shaping ministries such as youth  
rallies, retreats, or other youth-focused ministries,  
please share their name with Bob Noel at  
[bnocel@crookston.org](mailto:bnocel@crookston.org)

**On Formed:** New Chris Stefanick show on  
Monday's 7 PM ET, 5 PM MT. The Formed team  
suggests content for the week based on the  
liturgical calendar, introduces new shows and  
gives updates on what is happening, go to  
[formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), "Find Your Parish" type in  
Fosston's zip code of 56542. No password  
needed. Return often and explore all the great  
programs.

Get the Free Catholic Prayer App *Amen* from  
the Augustine Institute. It includes daily Mass  
readings & reflections, prep for Sunday Mass with  
*Opening the Word*, a dramatized journey through  
the Gospels in *The Life of Christ*, Meditations,  
Evening Psalms, an audio version of the *Bible in a  
Year*, children's show *Brother Francis*, *One-  
Minute Inspirations* with Chris Stefanick and a host  
of prayers for the whole family. Install the Amen  
app on your phone or tablet. Send feedback to  
[help@amenapp.org](mailto:help@amenapp.org). By leaving positive reviews,  
others will be nudged to download it. What a great  
way to give your spiritual life a boost in the right  
direction!

### **SPEAK LIFE!**

I am thirty-one. Thirty-one weeks old. Last week was kind of *b-o-r-i-n-g*. This week seems more promising. But —it's getting more crowded in here. That's why I'm keeping my knees bent up by my chest. I'm thinking about turning and diving headfirst to see if there is more room down there but—I haven't decided yet. What do you think? Is that a good idea? Well, I guess I'll just stick my thumb in my mouth while I ponder that. By the way, you might be interested to know that this week I am about as big as a coconut. -a.m.opdahl

Alison Opdahl, who writes the Speak Life snippets, was a guest on Real Presence Radio on Wed., Oct. 20. To hear the interview and hear the whole story of how Speak Life came to be, check Real Presence Live podcasts or [Speaklife139.com](http://Speaklife139.com) Media.

**PLEASE** take notice of the Respect Life display in the social hall and take home a free "I Choose Life" can koozie. October is Respect Life Month. Let your legislators know that you support legislation that protects life at all stages, womb to tomb.

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."* (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Monday, November 1st - not a day of obligation this year, yet it remains a Holy Day of celebration.

**Men's Curiallo weekend.** The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Curiallo weekend October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp. Applications are at [crookstoncuriallo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncuriallo.weebly.com). For more information contact Bobbi Marcell at 701-866-5706 or [bmarcell@bobbrmarcell.org](mailto:bmarcell@bobbrmarcell.org)

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Jesus has given you an open invitation to spend time with Him sometime Wednesday between noon and 8pm for Eucharistic adoration. (Closing time varies depending upon church activities.) Make an appointment with the Divine Physician.

"All are invited to Cathedral Church Drive-Thru To-Go Harvest Festival on Oct. 31" from 11 am-2pm. Drive through the parking lot to pick up a hot and ready Knights of Columbus fish fry meal for \$15 that is delivered right to your vehicle. Other activities include raffles, outdoor children's games, and a silent auction (more information found at [www.crookstoncathedral.com](http://www.crookstoncathedral.com))" or see bulletin board.

**Fall Dinners:** [www.crookston.org/falldinners](http://www.crookston.org/falldinners)

**Leaves & Fishes Food Shelf:** Send monetary donations to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation goes for food to be donated.

We have now started our youth group night from last Wednesday. Youth Group leaders are asking for a help to provide a meal, one Wednesday a month. We need your help. Please sign up. Signup sheet located in Gathering Space. Thank you so much! (6:30 pm Oct. 27, 2021, in the year 2022-Feb.16, April 13 and May 11.) Simple meal and use paper plates. Thank you so much!

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 24, 2021**

Ushers: Harise Bingham Tom Weber  
Gifts: Mark & Nina Bingham  
Lector: Michele Schoenborn  
Eucharist: \*Michale and Doug Schoenborn  
Servers: Olivia Rosendahl Anna Jackson  
Hospitality: Kacie Anderson Theresa Anderson

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 31, 2021**

Ushers: Dennis Sanden & High School Youth  
Gifts: High School Youth (7-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Lector: High School Youth (7-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Eucharist: \*Linda Blaser Clyde Kringlen  
Servers: High School Youth  
Hospitality: Mark & Nina Bingham

If you are not available for your scheduled Sunday, please call someone to fill in for you.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$2377.48
Last Week's Collections:	
36 Adults	\$1870.00
6 Youth	\$ 16.00
Loose	\$ 567.02
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2453.02</b>
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 69.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 60.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$1300.71</b>

**The Perfect Fit Campaign:** A Diocesan wide campaign is in progress and are encouraged to make a pledge to enable this progress to go forward. Please view the Perfect fit Video in our website: [stmarysfooston.org](http://stmarysfooston.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, Today, Sun. Oct. 24 Propagation of the Faith (World Mission) Envelopes are available by the bulletins.

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH.**

*Thanks be to God for Fr. John Melkies!  
May the Holy Spirit pour forth blessings in abundance upon Fr. John for the glory of God and the good of His people.*

Stay for cake and rolls after Mass and wish Father John a blessed and happy birthday.

**New Confirmation class and Theology of the Body class 6:30pm-8:30pm on Wed. Oct. 27, 2021. Dinner will be served.**

The 2021-2022 Safe Environment training module for the Diocese of Crockston is now available. This year's module is Component A, "Reporting Child Abuse and Boundary Violations." Safe Environment certification is necessary for every adult, age 18 and over, clergy, employee, independent contractor, and volunteers in the Diocese of Crockston who has the potential for unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults. Please complete at your earliest convenience.

**October is 40 Rosaries for Life and Respect Life Month.** In October, Rosary before the Mass at 8:10am led by the members of Catholic United Financial. And we thank them.

We would like to thank everyone who shared in celebrating our wedding day, and for your delicious contributions to the pot luck. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends and family! Carol and Phil Schouville

**SEEKING: Executive Assistant to the Bishop**  
The Diocese of Crockston is seeking a full-time Executive Assistant to the Bishop. We are seeking a self-motivated and team-orientated professional of high integrity who possesses a great work ethic and is passionate about fulfilling the Catholic Church's mission. The Executive Assistant to the Bishop will provide administrative and organizational support for the Bishop and other team needs. The individual will also serve as a polished, knowledgeable, and motivated representative of the Bishop's Office to internal and external contacts. The Diocese of Crockston offers full benefits (including paid time off, health and dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance, and pension). To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Janelle Gargen at [jgreen@crockston.org](mailto:jgreen@crockston.org). Listing will remain posted until position is filled. Visit [www.crockston.org/employment](http://www.crockston.org/employment) to learn more!